every year, Monaco attracts nine million and Switzerland and the U.K. get more than 60 million tourists whereas India lags way behind in comparison to these geographically smaller countries in tapping tourist potential and its share was a little over one million last year; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to promote tourism in Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) According to the information available with the Government, the number of tourist arrivals in Singapore, Monaco, Switzerland and U.K. were about 6 million, 0.2 million, 12.8 million and 18.5 million respectively. The total tourist arrivals in India during the same year were about 1.87 million.

(b) The steps taken by the Government to promote tourism in Rajasthan include improvement of infrastructural facilities in the State and continued publicity of tourist attractions of Rajasthan in the overseas markets.

Setting up of floating hotel-cum-commercial complex in Bombay

3071. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a floating-hotel-cum-commercial complex to be set up in the Sea in Bombay at Cuffe Parade has been approved by Government; and

(b) if so, what is the cost of the project, its foreign exchange content and salient features?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Government has approved foreign investment in a hotel-cum-commercial complex project, off Bombay Shore, Greater Bombay. The joint venture company will have 51 per cent foreign equity and 20 per cent NRI equity.

Harassment by IA staff

3072. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two officials of Indian Airlines were put under suspension for dereliction of duty and putting passengers of an Hyderabad-Delhi IA Flight on the 20th January, 1994, to inconvenience which was diverted to Ahmedabad as reported in the Deccan Herald dated the 23rd January, 1994;

(b) whether there have been any other complaints earlier from VIPs and MPs on harassment by the IA staff at facilitation counters and if so, the deterrent or punitive action initiated on such complaints; and

(c) whether Government would consider such complaints from general public and the VIPs as serious?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Passenger complaints whether from general public or from VIPs are taken by Indian Airlines with a great deal of seriousness.

Judicial inquiry into the crash of IA boeing 737

3073. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a judicial inquiry into the Indian Airlines Boeing 737 crash at Aurangabad in April, 1993 in which 55 persons were killed has held that the crash was due to pilot error, as reported in the Times of India dated the 4th January, 1994; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the pilot's performance during training and subsequent check were not upto the mark and if so, why he was entrusted